

Greater New York Metro Intergroup minutes — September 12, 2024 — WSO #09033

- **Call to Order:** 6:45PMish
- **Serenity prayer and Opening Statements**
 - Tradition 9 Reading — **Jeff S was not here so Marlene read this and Sue G spoke on it.**
 - “OA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve”.
 - Concept 9 Reading — **Jo spoke on this.**
 - “Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees”.
- **Introductions**
 - We do(n’t) have a quorum to conduct business *
 - Committee reports are here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iSKc1Gyn1BpajfVrMb3SmvO2pG4Wk9sg8MPguJngPNw/edit>
 - **Retreat Report:** Committee met last night, working on the event. It is Monday Sept 23rd and all the details of the events are in the report. Two scholarships were awarded. Fellows are assigned to work at the retreat. The menu has been sent to the facility.
 - **12Stepwithin and Special Events Report:**
 - They have had their first event and it was about falling into the arms of your higher power. Events will be partially recorded. The next event is co-sponsored by the Westchester Intergroup. Details are in the report linked above. There was a chat about having events interpreted in different languages.
 - Andy brought up that there is no one managing the hotline. Andy mentioned that the group discussed this and we would rather have folks fill open positions. Andy mentioned that the email will be linked to 12Stepwithin.
 - There is a discussion of the hotline and what will be done. Andy, Marlene, Diane, and Millie discussed Google Voice and clarified that intergroup has a GoogleVoice account that is active.

- Diana asked why we didn't use the board discretionary fund?
 - Andy explained it should be in the budget
- Diana spoke in favor of the motion saying that this is really important and we are lucky that we have not had problems while we did not have an address. She mentioned we are required to have one associated with our EIN and that Venmo may change their services so this is just a good thing to do.
- Jo is asking if this is a 2 part situation- if we approve the budget we automatically approve getting a street address. Andy said he wanted to just move things along.
- Andy asked if anyone minds the combined motion and no one spoke up.
- Robbie seconded the motion and asked if we could call for a vote.
- Andy said we need to ask for cons
 - No one spoke
- Marlene called for a vote (Andy stated the motion)
 - Marlene asked if we give up our PO Box
 - Diana said eventually
 - Andy said it was be a later discussed
- Andy called for a vote
 - 11 yes
 - 0 no
 - 1 abstention
 - Motion passed, Andy said he would start the work on this.
- Update on the Hotline and Google Voice;
 - This was already spoken on, Marlene said we would continue to talk about it.
- ~~○ Possible formation of a new committee just to oversee the Hotline.~~ This was not discussed so it is struck from the agenda
- Update on the Speaker List, Meeting List and Sponsor List
 - Marlene explained that there is a new fellow doing the lists and if anyone has questions to please write the board and that these services are now up and running.
- Invitation to Kimberly C (Chair) & Bob F (Trustee Liaison) of Region 6 to attend our next meeting in October. (**October 10, 2024 — 6:45PM**)

- Marlene mentioned there is an invite and she doesn't know just what the plan will be.
 - Lauren a fellow from the Sunday 11:15 am meeting has new business
 - Lauren wanted to discuss supporting in person meeting
 - Lauren has spoken with some fellows about what to do
 - Her biggest concern is about keeping Tradition 5 going
 - She said that newcomers don't come back to her meeting
 - She has a motion from Kaitlin K to do a survey of why folks are not going to in person meetings
 - Liz spoke on others who have brought this up
 - Andy mentioned that people like in person meetings, He said he is into helping on a committee about this
 - Lauren said she likes the idea of the committee, she said she sees other fellowships that have gone back in person
 - Cass mentioned going to other fellowships he is not even a part of that he goes to just to find in person. He mentioned leaning into isolation and why we need to be in person.
 - Millie wanted to mention the thing that kept her at meetings was fellowship
 - Diana had a point of order about committees forming. Diana offered to share her experience strength and hope and she can share resources.
 - Marlene appointed Lauren to chair an ad hoc committee about this issue.
 - Andy asked what the committee is named?
 - Marlene named the committee Information on In person meetings
 - Lauren said Supporting
 - Diana said we can't support fellowship but could call it another name
 - Jo said use a thesaurus or try rejuvenate
 - Marlene said robust
 - Diana said let's move on and Marlene told Lauren to reach out
 - Folks shared contact info in the chat for the committee.
- **The OA Promise:**
 - I put my hand in yours and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness, no longer must we each depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands for power and strength greater than ours, and as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams.

- Meeting ended 8:10

*Quorum requirement is at least seven (7) qualified voting members and at least two (2) Officers of Greater New York Metro Intergroup.